Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Department Support Under This Program?

§ 356.10 What types of activities are authorized?

- (a) Fellows may conduct original research in any area authorized by section 204 of the Act.
- (b) Each year the Secretary may determine that research is needed in certain areas authorized under section 204 of the Act and may set aside funds to provide fellowship assistance for research in these specific areas. The Secretary publishes the selected priorities, if any, in a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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§ 356.11 What types of problems may be researched under the fellowship program?

Problems encountered by individuals with disabilities in their daily lives that are due to the presence of a disabiling condition, problems associated with the provision of rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, and problems connected with the conduct of disability research may be addressed under this program.

 $\begin{array}{lll} (Authority: Secs. \ 202(d), \ 202(g)(1), \ 204; \ 29\\ U.S.C. \ 761a(d), \ 761a(g)(1), \ 762) \end{array}$

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Subpart C—How Does One Apply for Assistance Under This Program?

§ 356.20 What are the application procedures under this part?

From time to time the Secretary will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER an Application Notice that announces the availability of fellowship assistance under this part.

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); (29 U.S.C. 761a(d)))

§ 356.21 What is the fellowship review process?

The Secretary reviews applications for Fellowships in accordance with the peer review requirements governing grants in 34 CFR 350.31 and 350.32 and

the selection criteria contained in §356.30.

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(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Select a Fellow?

§ 356.30 What selection criteria are used for this program?

The Secretary evaluates an application for a Fellowship on the basis of—

- (a) Quality and level of formal education, previous work experience, and recommendations of present or former supervisors or colleagues that include an indication of the applicant's ability to work creatively in scientific research; and
- (b) The quality of a research proposal of no more than 12 pages containing the following information:
- (1) The importance of the problem to be investigated to the purpose of the Act and the mission of the Institute.
- (2) The research hypotheses or related objectives and the methodology and design to be followed.
- (3) Assurance of the availability of any necessary data resources, equipment, or institutional support, including technical consultation and support where appropriate, required to carry out the proposed activity.

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(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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§ 356.31 How does the Secretary evaluate an application under this part?

The Secretary awards the following points for each application based on how well the applicant addresses the two criteria in §356.30: Outstanding (5); Superior (4); Satisfactory (3); Marginal (2); Poor (1).

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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